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In re Application of  
Necsoiu et al.  
Application No. 10/725,249  
Filed: December 1, 2003  
Title: Information Sharing System for  
Geographical Data

ON PETITION

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.181 to withdraw the holding of abandonment, filed August 21, 2007.

The petition to withdraw the holding of abandonment is GRANTED.

This above-identified application became abandoned for failure to timely file a complete reply to the non-final Office Action of June 7, 2006. An amendment was filed on October 5, 2006. In response to the amendment a Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment (37 CFR 1.121) was mailed on December 20, 2006 which set an extendable reply period of one month. A reply and request for one month extension of time were submitted on March 6, 2007. This application was held abandoned on February 20, 2007. A Notice of Abandonment was mailed on July 27, 2007 stating that the reply submitted on March 6, 2007 was untimely.

Petitioner contends the above-identified application was improperly held abandoned. Petitioner acknowledges that the reply submitted on March 6, 2007 contained a one month request for extension of time. However, petitioner maintains that a general authorization was also provided to charge any fees which may be required. Petitioner has also provided a deposit account statement for March 2007 which establishes there was sufficient funds in deposit account no. 50-2148 to charge a two month extension of time. Thus, petitioner argues the reply submitted on March 6, 2007 was timely.

Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a)(3), a written request may be submitted in an application that is an authorization to treat any concurrent or future reply, requiring a petition for an extension of time under this paragraph for its timely submission, as incorporating a petition for extension of time for the appropriate length of time. An authorization to

charge all required fees, fees under § 1.17, or all required extension of time fees will be treated as a constructive petition for an extension of time in any concurrent or future reply requiring a petition for an extension of time under this paragraph for its timely submission. Submission of the fee set forth in §1.17(a) will also be treated as a constructive petition for an extension of time in any concurrent reply requiring a petition for an extension of time under this paragraph for its timely submission.

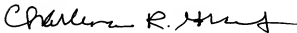
A review of the record shows that a general authorization was included on the request for extension of time submitted on March 6, 2007. Further review of the record shows a general authorization was present on filing of the application papers on December 1, 2003.

Accordingly, the reply submitted on March 6, 2007 is deemed timely.

The Notice of Abandonment is hereby vacated and the holding of abandonment is withdrawn.

This application is being referred to Technology Center AU 2161 for appropriate action in the normal course of business on the reply received on March 6, 2007.

Telephone inquiries concerning this matter should be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-3215.



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